20.8 MMT. The estimated expenditure thereon would be around Rs. 6,000 crores. These imports are being made both under term contracts and through spot purchase. Term contracts are with the national companies of UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Malaysia and USSR. Supplies were also being received from Iraq and Kuwait before the Gulf crisis began in August, 1990.

Mixing of Alcohol in Petrol

*38. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article cap tioned 'Cocktail Option' which appear ed in the 'Economic Times' of the 20th August, 1990, regarding failure to use alcohol in petrol; and

(b) whether in view of grave urgency due to the Gulf War and also to check pollution, Government have any proposal to start mixing alcohol in petrol as was being done in India earlier and as is being done now in several countries?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Government has seen the news report.

(b) No such decision has been taken.

Power cuts in States

*39. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Wiil the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) in how many States power cuts are in vogue at present thereby affecting the low tension and high tension consumers; and

(b) what steps have been taken to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) A *Statement* showing the state-wise power cuts/restrictions on various categories of consumers during January, 1991 is enclosed.

(b) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of T&D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Statement

Power cuts on Industries in January, 1991

	Energy Cut	Demand Cut
Northern Region		
Chandigarh	Nil	Peak period restrictions.
Delhi	Nil	Peak period restrictions.
Haryana	(i) 8 hrs/day/zone supply to all H.T. industries in three zones with contract demand of 20 KVA and above but below 1MW.	
	(ii) 40% weekly energy cut on the industrial consumers with connected load of 1 MW & above.	
	(iii) 40% weekly energy cut on the industrial consumers fed from independent feeders.	